

**Scope of Triennial Review of Water Quality Standards
Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians
Public Notice and Request for Comments**

Submitting Comments to the Tribe

Written comments can be sent via email or post office to:

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Comment deadline is <insert date>

The Tribe's Water Quality Standards (adopted 7/6/2011) can be found at:

Bad River Natural Resources Department

Chief Blackbird Center, 72682 Maple St.

Odanah, WI 54861

(715) 682-7123

[[HYPERLINK "http://www.badriver-nsn.gov/tribal-operations/natural-resources/announcement-a-alerts-natural-resources/291-announcements-natural-resources"](http://www.badriver-nsn.gov/tribal-operations/natural-resources/announcement-a-alerts-natural-resources/291-announcements-natural-resources)]

Proposed Schedule

The schedule for consideration of the proposed triennial review of the Water Quality Standards (WQS) is as follows:

<Insert date>, 2014

- The Tribe posts and publishes notice of a 45-day public comment period on the scope of the triennial review.

<Insert date>, 2014

- The Tribe commences review of comments received and determination of the scope of the triennial review. The Tribe proceeds with the WQS review.

Summary of Proposed WQS Process

In June 2009, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) authorized the Tribe to administer a WQS program under Section 303 of the CWA. On

July 6, 2011, the Tribal Council approved and adopted WQS. On September 21, 2011, the U.S. EPA approved the WQS.

The Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians (Tribe) is soliciting public comments on the scope of the WQS review under the Clean Water Act (CWA). A second public comment period will be initiated at a later date to solicit public comments on any proposed revision.

The purpose of this notice is to provide information about the triennial review process, outline a schedule of major steps to be taken in the Tribe's review of the WQS, and provide specifics regarding opportunities for submitting written comments on the scope of the Tribe's review.

The Tribe seeks comments on the scope of the WQS review. The Tribe will consider and respond to all comments received by the comment deadline. The Tribe will determine the scope of the WQS review and propose changes that may be needed. The Tribe will then initiate a second public participation opportunity to solicit input on any revisions proposed, before proceeding with final amendments of its WQS. After this process and upon formal adoption of the change, the Tribe will submit the amendment to the WQS to EPA for approval or disapproval as required by section 303 of the CWA.

If the Tribe's change to the WQS are approved, EPA will remain in charge of issuing permits for the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) and the Army Corps of Engineers will remain in charge of issuing dredge and fill permits under the CWA within the Reservation boundaries. The Tribe's approved WQS will be considered in the issuance of these permits.

The Tribe posted and published notice of a 45-day public comment period on <insert date>.